

T-803  
Charles Roberts House  
Unionville  
Private

c. 1900

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: CHARLES ROBERTS HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: T-803

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):  
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE  
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):  
SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic CHARLES ROBERTS HOUSE

and/or common RICHARD BOULDEN HOUSE

## 2. Location

street & number West side of Unionville Road (MD 370)  not for publication

city, town Unionville  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Talbot

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Richard Boulden

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court liber 258

street & number Talbot County Courthouse folio 19

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date  federal  state  county  local

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# 7. Description

Survey No. T-803

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Charles Roberts house, also known as the Richard Boulden house, stands on the west side of the Unionville Road (MD 370) in the village of Unionville, Talbot County, Maryland. The single-story frame dwelling, standing abandoned, faces east with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Erected around 1900, this single-story frame dwelling is supported on masonry piers, and it is sheathed with plain weatherboard siding. The medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The east (main) facade is an asymmetrical elevation with a side entrance and an adjacent two-over-two sash window. The front door is partially glazed. Sheltering the front wall is a shed roofed, turned post porch highlighted with decorative corner brackets. A single-flue chimney stack rises through the center of the roof.

The gable ends are finished with two-over-two sash windows, and the eaves are slightly extended.

The interior was not seen.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
 and/or  
 Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
 Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Unionville, Maryland  
Chain of title

258/19

John W. D. Jump  
Helen A. Jump

to

4/17/1944

Richard Boulden  
Marie Boulden

237/40

Hattie V. Boulden

to

6/6/1936

John W. D. Jump  
\$247.00 64 perches of land

220/84

John W. D. Jump

to

10/10/1929

Stephen Boulden  
Stephen Boulden died 5/3/1934

201/105

Charles Roberts  
Mary L. Roberts

to

1/17/1925

John W. D. Jump

133/209

James M. Cowgill  
Lida A. Cowgill

to

4/28/1900

Charles Roberts, Col'd  
\$100 "part of Lombardy"





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Unionville, Talbot County, Maryland

Southeast elevation

6/90, Paul Touart, photographer

Negative/MD Historical Trust